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5 run for 4 seats open on Van Buren School Board

Five candidates are running for four, four-year seats on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education in the Nov. 3 General Election.

On the ballot are incumbents Susan K. Featheringill, Kelly Owen, and Simone Pinter, along with newcomers Dionne Nicole Falconer and Terrance C. Goff. All five candidates live in Van Buren Township.

Former board president and longtime board member Keith Johnston did not file for reelection.

Susan K. Featheringill



Susan K. Featheringill, 50385 South I-94 South Service Dr., Van Buren Township, is running for reelection to the school board.

Featheringill, 63, has lived in the school district for 47 years. She is married to Danny

and they have two adult children, Amy Reeves and Sara Cortese.

Featheringill is Retired Assistant Superintendent for Business Operations from Taylor Schools and has been church treasurer from September 2018 until the present.

Featheringill has a Master of Arts degree in Educational Leadership from Eastern Michigan University, graduating in April 1991. She has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from Cleary College of Business, graduating in June 1986.

She was a member of Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative, elected to the board for 2001-2005; vice president, 2005-2006; and president, 2006-2007.

She also served on Wayne County School Business Officials, as secretary 1996-97; treasurer, 1997-98; vice president, 1998-99; and president, 1999-2000; and current-

ly is an emeritus member.

She also has been a member of the Michigan Association of School Boards since January 2017.

Her civil involvement includes Girls Scouts of America Council, Southeastern Michigan Finance Committee, Women's Study Club, Staff Parish Committee, Sunday School Teacher, Junior Girl Scout Leader, Children's Choir Director, Church Finance Committee, Joyful Noise music ministry from 2015 to present, and Church Administrative Council chairperson from January 2017 to August 2018.

Featheringill said she is running for office because, "With five grandchildren currently attending Van Buren Schools, I want to continue to make sure that they receive the best possible educational experiences. As a retiree and current School Board Vice President, I want to be able to continue to give back to the community with this important position utilizing my more than 30 years of school district work experience.

"I also want to continue to work on the School District Bond issue to use the funds that the community approved to the most effective and efficient way possible," she said.

As to her goals: "The goals I have are a continuation of what I have been working with the rest of the board on during the last four years. These goals are safety, finance, and communication.

"With the pandemic, we wanted to give our families choices for returning to school. We continue to review all the guidance to allow students to have either an in-person or remote learning option. I think it is important to not only have a balanced budget to maintain an appropriate fund balance, but it is also important to spend the funds in the proper areas. I will continue to work with the board and the superintendent to ensure proper allocation of the funds.

"Communication between the board, community and staff is important and not just one direction of communication. This is something that needs to remain a prior-

ity so that the district functions properly. Each of these goals work closely together to develop a strong school district that I am proud to be a part of, a great team."

Kelly Owen



Kelly Owen, 42607 Maude Ct., Van Buren Township, is running for reelection to the school board.

Owen, 57, has been married to Kyle Owen for 26 years and has

lived in the district for 28 years.

Their children are: Kendall Owen, 24, who graduated from Belleville High School in 2014, graduated from Western Michigan University in 2018, and works as a behavioral therapist, living in Austin, TX; Kameron Owen, 22, who graduated from BHS in 2016 and University of Michigan in 2020; and Karlee Owen, 19, who graduated from BHS in 2019 and is a sophomore at Michigan State University.

Owen is a homemaker and has earned an associate's degree.

She has twice been elected to the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education and has served eight years.

Owen was a member of the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation for eight years and was on PTOs for several years while her children were in school. She has been on several committees and volunteered for multiple events and has gone wherever she was needed.

She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, reading, and beading.

When asked why she is running for reelection, Owen replied: "I have enjoyed being involved in every aspect of my children's education, and although they have graduated, I would still like to be involved in the education of children in our community. I love Belleville and would like to do my part in helping Van Buren Public Schools maintain a high level of learning for all students, and flourish in the 21st century."

As to her goals, once elected: "Keeping our children safe, along with teachers and staff are our main focus right now. I'm sure none of us ever imagined living through

a pandemic, and we are doing our best to keep everyone healthy, while giving our students the highest levels of learning possible.

"My goal every year since I have been on the board, is to do the best job I possibly can while serving our schools and taking each day as it comes as an opportunity to make the right decisions for a school district that I hold near and dear to my heart."

Simone Pinter



Simone Pinter, 48496 Ellen Court, Van Buren Township, is running for reelection to the school board.

Pinter, 58, has lived in the school district for 39 years. She is

married to Larry Pinter and they have three children, Tiffany Pinter-Allaban, Tabitha Davenport, and Mathew Pinter.

Pinter is a retired florist and attended high school trade school.

She is active in Relay for Life and the Moose. She loves to remodel things.

"I believe if you don't stay involved in your community, you have no right to complain about it.

Once elected her goal is: "To hopefully get things back on the good direction we were heading before COVID and to get the Early Childhood Center up and running."

Dionne Falconer



Dionne Falconer, 43705 Dorchester Dr., Van Buren Township, is running for a seat on the school board.

Falconer, 47, has lived in the district for eight years. She is married to Vincent Falconer and they

have a daughter Alessandra and son Trevor attends Owen Intermediate and son Myles attends Tyler Elementary.

She works as a Regulation Agent and, "I am a proud product of Detroit Public Schools, Ferris State University with a

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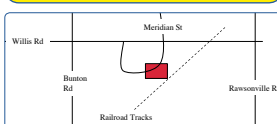
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

City Council approves Belleville Lake Fest for June

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A different kind of festival will take place next June. Instead of the usual Strawberry Festival, a Belleville Lake Fest will be held June 25-27.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Belleville City Council, via Zoom, the council voted unanimously to hold the festival and establish a committee to be made up of volunteers appointed by the city council.

Council members Kelly Bates and Ken Voigt represented the city on a committee that met twice on the festival issue. Councilwoman Bates said they talked about what residents would want moving forward. There was no Strawberry Festival this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

She said they agreed there would be homemade items for sale and no commer-

cial vendors. There would be no paid committee members, a big difference from past festivals, she said.

Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte, who was chairing the meeting in the absence of the mayor, said the plan "sounds organic and a real celebration of the community." He said it could be held in cooperation with Van Buren Township around the lake.

Bates said Alysha Albrecht from VBT's Communications Department was on the committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte said local groups could raise funds, especially needed in these times.

Bates said they wanted to have it starting around 3 or 4 p.m. on Friday, June 25, and then Saturday, June 26, and possibly Sunday, June 27. Things are still in the planning stages, she said.

Councilman Tom Fielder, who is president of the Strawberry Festival Commit-

tee, said he recalled when the city held Venetian Fests with night boat parades. He suggested they tie the festival in with the Taste of Belleville because entertainment is needed for that.

Bates said they wanted it out of Father's Day and outside of the Fourth of July.

"Is the director of the Strawberry Festival informed of this?" Councilman Fielder asked.

Bates said Strawberry Festival people haven't come to either of the meetings, which were publicized. They haven't come to the council with a request for a special event, she said.

Fielder said the way it's been is they would come to the council after the first of the year. He said that would be a logical group to inform.

"The thought is to have a whole new festival," Bates said.

Councilman Voigt asked if the Strawberry Festival had a meeting and Fielder said there is one planned for the middle of this month.

"It's appropriate to reach out to them and inform them of this," Marcotte said. "It's up to the Strawberry Festival to fill out an application for a city council meeting for that purpose."

Fielder said he appreciates all the work the committee has done.

Bates said the steering committee included Therese Antonelli and Diedre Rivera-Creal from Moving the Mitten, Steve Jones, Scott Jones, Alysha Albrecht, and Police Chief Dave Robinson.

Fielder commented that they were all chamber members.

He said the Central Business Community does many events for Belleville and half of its money is raised at the Strawberry Festival. The CBC should be included, he said.

Bates said they had a call out for about two months and anyone interested can reach out.

"We're in the first stages," said Voigt. "We want to reach out to everyone. The CBC is at the top of the list."

Bates said she hopes everyone local will take part.

"Reach out to the CBC to make sure they are included as well, among other groups," Marcotte said.

"So many people have not been able to raise funds," Bates said.

At the end of the meeting, Bates said she was excited to see what is happening to the festival and Voigt noted it is good to be looking at a new, reinvigorated festival.

In other business at Monday's one-hour-and-eight-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved the SMART Cares Act funding agreement for \$3,090. This is a supplemental grant to provide safe transportation

for seniors and disabled residents, said City Manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz;

- Approved the SMART Municipal Credit and Community Credit Contract of \$3,914 for 2021 used with other funding to provide transportation;

- Approved what was called the Doane's Landing "Cadillac" bid from Davenport Brothers for \$62,303 that would include color block, stone face on one side and stone piers to match the streetscape, which was also done by Davenport. The city got a grant of \$250,000 from the state for Doane's Landing's seawall repair, but the retaining wall and sidewalks are needed. The city set aside \$65,000 extra, but that was spent by Sept. 28, and this expenditure will be extra. Davenport's basic bid for the work was \$51,903, but the council wanted the more visually appealing option;

- Heard City Manager Kobylarz say the last 72 hours had been a little chaotic for governments in Michigan after the Supreme Court said the governor's orders ended. Although the city cannot require face masks, it strongly prefers people wear masks when coming into city hall. She said city hall hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. but is only open to customers from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., so there is time to disinfect, answer phone calls and messages. She said because of Supreme Court ruling the city no longer can have meetings by teleconference, but since the council chambers cannot hold several people for a meeting, they will continue to meet via Zoom, "until you tell me otherwise";

- Heard Kobylarz say, "I am not canceling trick or treating. I am not the Wicked Witch of the West. The CBC is recommending you not trick or treat on Main Street. This doesn't mean you don't go trick or treating with neighbors"; and

- Heard Fire Chief Brian Loranger announce he got a couple more grants, including \$15,000-\$20,000 from the state for propane fire training equipment and a regional grant through Dearborn Heights for AEDs. He said he is going to pursue a grant for a fire engine.

Candidates

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B.S. in Business Administration, and University of Phoenix, with an M.A. in Business Administration/E-Business.

This is her second try for a seat on the board after being on the ballot in 2018.

She has been active on the Tyler Elementary School PTO since 2014 and is vice president of AGAPE Uniting Families for Christ couples' ministry.

She said she is running for office because, "As an active parent and PTO member, I have seen first-hand the reward of giving back and engaging with students, staff, educators and administrators.

"I am ready to take on this challenge at a higher level to increase the positive impact I can make in my own community. I feel that it is important for the school board to be representative of the diverse landscape that makes our district such a wonderful place for our children to learn and grow.

"We need active parents on the board with students currently enrolled in the Van Buren school system. The real time engagement of parents who see first-hand the needs of students, faculty and staff will help me as an asset to the board. I can give a perspective that is relevant and current to the immediate needs of the district based on first-hand knowledge.

"As a parent I am my children's first teacher. When they started school, I became a part of a larger team of educators to assist them in reaching their maximum potential as individuals and students."

As to her goals, Falconer said: "During these unprecedented times of COVID-19, it is vital that VBPS provide a safe and

well-balanced education for all students, whether in-person or on-line virtually. Therefore, I plan to assist the district with tools and strategies which will help parents support classroom learning by leveraging technology as well as one-on-one interaction with their children."

Terrance C. Goff



Terrance C. Goff, 43690 Cedarhurst Dr., Van Buren Township is running for a seat on the school board.

Goff, 48, has lived in the school district for three years. He and his wife Kera have three daughters, Anaya, Ivana, and Hosanna.

He is a Building Inspector and a high school graduate. This is his first run for public office.

Goff had served an appointed position for a three-year term on a Farmington Hills charter school.

He said he recently stepped down as Parent Coordinator for the Detroit Youth Choir to pursue election on the school board. He also enjoys fitness.

"I believe that we can have the finest schools in the area and I see that our district believes that, as well," Goff said. "I want to be part of that!"

As far as his goals: "I would like to attract all families in the community to our schools / retention of our students through high school."

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Be careful in trimming trees, climbing on ladders

On Sunday, a doctor in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's emergency room said since the COVID-19 virus hit, there have been many, many people coming into the ER after having fallen from tree trimming projects and from ladders up against their houses for eaves-cleaning and the like.

On Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday morning, St. Joe's ER was jumping. One man fell 20 feet from a deer stand he was using. Others came with police escorts, one with an apparent stroke and another in full cardiac arrest with a person continuing chest compressions as they rolled him down the hallway.

Many were able to go home after treatment and proving they could walk on their own. These were very happy people.

On Sunday, the St. Joe parking lot was crammed with vehicles, as family members tended to their loved ones in the hospital beds. When you enter the hospital as a visitor you have to have your picture taken by a device that measures your temperature. Then you can get a sticker to show you were tested for COVID symptoms and are allowed to enter.

We can report all these details to you because we spent the week end at St. Joe's tending to a loved one. Things are so different now at the hospital, with masks everywhere and everything six feet apart. Nobody wants to get any sicker than they already are. It is what it is and we're in it.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We are upside-down at the Independent because of what happened over the week end. My son, Jim, who does all the layout work on the paper, puts the ads together and the pictures, as well as performs as bookkeeper – fell six feet off a tree ladder onto a concrete drive.

His back is injured (first diagnosis was that it was broken). His pelvis is broken. His left wrist is broken in two places. And, he may have a concussion. He's a mess. He is in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, where he and I spent Saturday afternoon, night, and early Sunday morning in the emergency room. He finally was transferred to a room on the trauma floor at about 5 a.m. Sunday and there he remains as he undergoes all the things he needs to recover. Meanwhile, we had a newspaper to get out and legal notices to publish and obituaries to post and other important stories.

We were able to get the help of Jerry Leasure of Romulus, who has helped us before and actually helped set up the system we have now. What a blessing this is to get his help. He's working elsewhere, but he helped us after his work and we were able to get the paper out. Whew.

My other son, Bill, and I were gone on an errand Saturday morning, when Jim decided to surprise us by trimming the osage orange trees hanging over the drive. The wood is very dense and takes a chain saw to cut. The tree fought back, throwing Jim to the ground. He was able to toss the saw to the side, so he didn't get cut up.

With adrenalin in play, Jim got up and couldn't find his glasses, so he walked his way to the house in half steps to get his spare pair. He went upstairs where the



glasses were. We live in a 183-year-old farmhouse with very steep stairs.

Anyway, Bill and I got home. Jim was standing in a doorway upstairs and by now he couldn't walk and called for a chair to sit in. I brought a chair. Then I called 911 and within a very few minutes, HVA and Van Buren Township Fire Department were there. They were so professional and caring. They carried him down the steep stairs in one of those really neat fold-up chairs and took him to St. Joe, although the I-94 repairs made the route very convoluted. We appreciate how fast they got there and the care they gave us. Jim is looking forward to getting home soon. No surgeries are planned, which is a great blessing.

Around noontime on Wednesday, Sept. 30, some strong winds used the coverings on the fences at Davenport construction next to the Belleville Bridge as sails and blew the fences into North Liberty Street. The fences blocked one lane. Our reader said the police were there and pulled the fence out of the street to clear the roadway.

On Thursday, when we were out delivering our Independents, we found that all the coverings had been taken off the fences. People have been complaining about lack of visibility at that intersection because of the fence coverings. Now they can see clearly.

Gary Marshall of Van Buren Township

called last week to alert us that turkeys are interested in voting in the General Election. He knows this because they were on the township hall's sidewalk heading up to the front door. He said there were 15 turkeys in one group and 10 in another group and a few days earlier he saw 60 by the water tower.

He said his wife Patricia reports turkeys in that area at about 7:15 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. We've seen turkeys around the township hall before, but never in those numbers.

We've been trying to keep track of Judge David Parrott's court dates, but it's difficult. A trial management conference has been set before 35th District Court Judge James Plakas for 2 p.m., Oct. 12. This is for the misdemeanor domestic violence charge that came out of VBT, but was shifted over to 35th District Court, since Judge Parrott theoretically sits on the 34th District Court. But he took a leave and then was suspended by the Michigan Supreme Court. Someone else will be sitting in the seat after the Nov. 3 election.

Also, the drunk driving charge in Manistee County is waiting for a decision on the evidence by the State Court of Appeals.





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Letters

League provides opportunities for voters

To the editor:

Belleville-area voters have several opportunities to learn about the candidates on their ballot before voting in November. The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County has produced their non-partisan Voter Guide which can be accessed either online at VOTE411.org or by picking up a print copy at the Belleville Library.

VOTE411 is a one-stop shop for retrieving candidate and ballot proposal information, finding your polling place and checking voting hours. From judges to school boards to state representatives, the voter guide contains information about all the state, federal, county and local candidates running in the Nov. 3 election.

The League has also recorded several candidate forums available for viewing on their website: LWVnorthwestwayne.org. Voters are encouraged to watch the forums for the candidates for the 21st District State House, the Van Buren School Board and the Plymouth-Canton School Board before filling out their ballot.

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Paula Bowman, President
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I've been working in our community for over 35 years, and as Sumpter Township Supervisor that isn't going to change. Working and speaking with residents in our community over the years is what inspired me to run for office and I will continue to work among my fellow residents. This is the best way for me to listen to the concerns and goals of our residents and ensure I'm working for the will of the people.

Another top priority I have as Supervisor is to put an end to the corruption and nepotism that has plagued Sumpter for years. Oftentimes local ordinances are enforced subjectively on a case by case basis, instead of applying the ordinances equally to everyone. Many residents have also told me they feel the local administration can be unhelpful or dismissive instead of actively supporting them.

Sumpter Township needs a local government of the people, by the people, for the people. As Supervisor I will always put the people of Sumpter first, and will work to bring equality, wealth and respect to everyone in our outstanding community.

Tim Bowman

Sumpter Township Supervisor Republican Candidate

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Dear Voters:

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson announced in August that the Bureau of Elections will allocate an additional \$5.5 million to support voters and clerks, including \$2 million to reimburse jurisdictions that pay postage on ballot return envelopes.

My office has paid all the postage for absentee ballot returns and the state will be reimbursing us for the cost. If you have any questions please contact my office at (734) 699-8909.

Clerk Leon Wright
Van Buren Township

More Letters

Support the team on the District Library board

To the editor:

Voting in our community has already begun, and the non-partisan section of our ballot is important to us all. I am specifically asking everyone to support the team that has already steered the Belleville Area District Library to progress in planning and executing our new Library. Our work is not yet finished and retaining our team is important to our ultimate success.

Joy Chehewicz, Alma Hughes-Grubbs and John Juriga have been essential in the work to the new Library project. Please re-elect all three for full terms and vote in Tanya Stoudemire for a partial term as well. Our community is well-served by this group and we need to keep them in place to finish the task at hand.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sharon Claytor Peters, Chair
Belleville Area District Library Board

BHS football thanks community for support

To the editor:

The Belleville High School football team, coaches, and parents would like to say thank you to our entire community and the city council for supporting us this past Saturday during our car wash and Five Points donation drive.

We would also like to send a special thank you to Loranger Family Chiropractic office for the use of their facilities and their donation to help us make our fund raising event a success.

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Obituaries



Mildred Jean Schweigert

MILDRED JEAN SCHWEIGERT

(March 10, 1931 – September 29, 2020)

Mildred Jean Schweigert, age 89, of Saline, MI, formerly of Ann Arbor and Belleville, left this earth plane peacefully surrounded by her loving family and close friends on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at Saline Evangelical Home. Jean was the oldest of four siblings born March 10, 1931 in Wyandotte, MI, to Frank C. & Gladys Pearl (Whitmer) Walker.

As a child Jean loved nature, cooking and was usually responsible in helping her Mother keep the kids in line. The early years she lived with her family in Ypsilanti on Prospect by the railroad tracks. Jean unknowingly lived only a couple of blocks away from where George Schweigert (her future husband) was growing up.

She finished high school in Belleville, graduating in 1948, while George finished at Ypsilanti High then he went into the Army. Jean left Belleville to live in Ann Arbor at the old YWCA and pursue a career as a telephone switchboard operator back in the early '50s. She worked for a few years until she found an apartment in the same building as some friends in Ann Arbor. In the meantime George came home from the Army to Ypsilanti.

Dear friends invited Jean and George to go on a blind date with them and the rest is history, as they say. They were very interested in one another, fell in love after a few dates and decided later to get married at the parsonage in Belleville by Rev. Woomer on November 18, 1956. They honeymooned at Londo Lake then later moved to Belleville from the Gott St. apartment in Ann Arbor. At this time Jean wasn't working and George went to work at Ford Motor Co. in Ypsilanti. In the fall on October 6, 1957 they had a baby girl they named Linda.

Jean was an active homemaker and was involved in the Rotary dinners and choir at the Methodist Church in Belleville. Jean and George loved all kinds of music. George kept working at Ford Motor Co. until he retired after 43 years. During this time George puttered in the garage doing woodworking projects and took to woodcarving and photography. Jean enjoyed simple flowers to tend to like marigolds and geraniums and loved to decorate for all the holidays. She created amazing snow people displays for Christmas snow scenes and wonderful whimsical and spooky Halloween scenes for all to be seen. They both loved animals especially cats, which they had many.

Jean and George were very active in supporting the arts in school for Linda. The two of them were known as Mom and Dad Schweigert to many of Linda's friends. They hosted wall-to-wall kids for Linda's junior class float (with flowers everywhere). They had many, many of Linda's friends at their house practicing for all the musicals and theatre performances. They were also active in community events. Jean and George would do and give a hand to anyone who needed help. They were dearly loved and will be dearly missed.

Jean had a great sense of humor and could be a worrier at times, but it was just part of her nature. Jean and George were married for almost 56 years until George passed in 2011. Jean moved back to Ann Arbor to a senior community (Brookhaven Manor) where she made fast friends and started to enjoy a new chapter of life even though she always missed George.

She did develop a small love interest after a couple of years with her friend Pat, but still George was the one and only. She still enjoyed decorating with help at her apartment. It was hard for her to move out and into long-term care, but she kind of understood that it was necessary. She had more support there and so did we.

Jean developed a loving relationship with many of her caregivers that worked with her amazingly and tenderly. Andrew, Abe, Mary, Holly and Alyssa just to name a few. They all were great giving her the support she needed as she changed.

We did all we could also to give her support, strength, and much love as she changed with the dementia. She always recognized family when they visited and just talked, sometimes listened to music which she loved.

Many people were affected by Jean in their lives and will remember her as will her family. You got this, Mom, no worries, just fun again with folks who have missed you. Always in our hearts, we Love you!

Jean is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Eddie Carnahan; niece Dana (Steve) Doemer and their two children, Katelyn (Phil) Potter and Stephen (Liz) Doemer; nephew David (Cindy) Egnor and their children, Samantha, Jeff and Brent and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband George, sisters Doris Walker and Marion Egnor, a brother Floyd and a great niece Laurie Egnor.

According to her wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, Oct. 8 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission at 7 p.m.

• Monday, Oct. 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

• Tuesday, Oct. 13 – Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m., new library

• Wednesday, Oct. 14 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Oct. 19 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Oct. 20 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.

• Wednesday, Oct. 21 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, Oct. 26 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

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Obituaries



Wendell Patrick Alford

WENDELL PATRICK ALFORD

(January 15, 1952 – October 1, 2020)

Wendell P. Alford passed away October 1, 2020 at Superior Woods in Ypsilanti, MI. He was 68 years old and lived in Belleville most of his life. He was surrounded by his mom and two sisters, who have helped care for him the past four years and loved him dearly.

He was born in Lester, Alabama, January 15, 1952 to the late Pat Alford and June (Cole) Alford. He graduated from Belleville High School in 1970. He worked for General Motors Willow Run for 30 years, retiring in 2002. In his younger days, he loved hunting and fishing. After retirement, he was a TV watcher and homebody.

He is survived by his mom June (Cole) Alford, two sisters Patricia Harris and Vicky Harden, two children Heidi (Alford) Bishar and Chris Alford, two grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his dad in 2005. Services were held at Brown's Funeral Home Monday, October 5, with Rev. Bob White officiating. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery on Belleville Lake.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

- Thursday, Oct. 8 – Ground-breaking ceremony for the Van Buren Public Schools Early Childhood Development Center, 5 p.m. The site is located between Belleville High School and the bus garage on the back property purchased by the school district from the catholic church. Public invited.
- Friday, Oct. 9, and Saturday, Oct. 10 – 7th Day Adventist Church's Tent Revival (no flaps on tent) in Victory Park at Five Points in Belleville. On Friday, it's from 5 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday it from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 10 – Annual Harvest Market, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., put on at the Fourth Street Square by the Belleville Central Business Community.
- Saturday, Oct. 10 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for Van Buren Township residents only from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at US Ecology east parking lot, 49350 N. I-94 Service Dr. Free drop-off to dispose of household hazardous waste in a safe and environmentally friendly manner.
- Wednesday, Oct. 14 – Drive-Thru Willow Chicken Supper, 4:30 p.m. until sold out. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for child carry-out. Please bring check or the exact amount, if possible. Willow United Meth-



James D. "Doug" Preston

JAMES D. 'DOUG' PRESTON

(January 22, 1927 - September 28, 2020)

Age 93, of Clinton, MI, passed away Monday, September 28, 2020 at home with his loving family by his side. He was born January 22, 1927 in Tutor Key (formerly known as Mingo), KY, the son of Bert and Fanny E. (Castle) Preston.

On February 14, 1947, he married Kittie B. Lavender in Tutor Key, KY and following 62 loving years of marriage, she preceded him in death November 7, 2009. Doug worked in the automotive industry as a tool and die maker. He was an avid bowler and golfer. At the age of 75, Doug shot his first ace on the 15th hole at Green Oaks Golf Course. He loved cracking black walnuts so they could be added to the cherry nut bread and fudge that his wife Kittie would make. He was a wonderful husband, father grandfather, great grandfather and brother and he will be missed.

Survivors include: two daughters, Tonya White and Tammy (Terry) Bradley; five grandchildren, James (Michelle) White, Randy White, Jeffery White, Caitlin (Dan) Blumhardt and Kerri (Mikki) Vansickle; five great-grandchildren, J.T., Logan, Gavin, Nathan and Bree; and one brother Jerry V. Preston.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and son-in-law A. Dewayne White. The funeral service was held October 3, 2020 at Stark Funeral Professionals with burial following in Highland Cemetery. Contributions in his memory may be made to either the Christian Appalachian Project or the Disabled Veterans of America. Please sign his guestbook at www.starkfuneral.com.

odist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. Menu includes: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits & gravy, cole slaw, and dessert.

• Sunday, Nov. 1 – Bugles Across America is at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park in Belleville. In a brief ceremony, members of the military, alive and dead, are honored. "Taps" is played and Geof Bush and Lori Day sing the National Anthem.

• Wednesday, Nov. 11 – Veterans' Day ceremony at 11 a.m. at the Veterans' Memorial, put on by VFW 4434 and PLAV 167.

• Thursday, Dec. 3, to Sunday, Dec. 6 – Winter Fest



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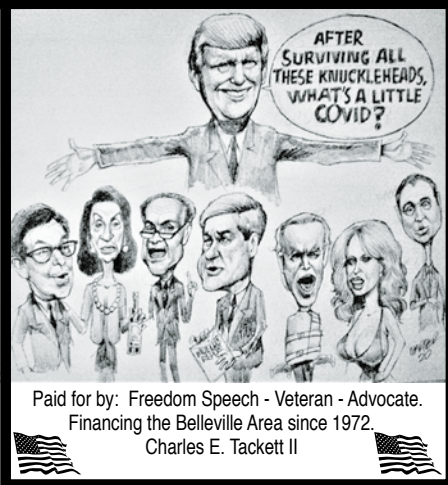
More Letters

Ill-conceived outrage over sign in window

Dear Romulus Residents:

Jan Lemmon sent a letter to this paper,

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stating that she was “appalled” at a sign in a downtown store window. Let’s set the record straight, shall we?

This vacant storefront has been remodeled by the property owner (and has obtained a valid Certificate of Occupancy). The Lambert for Mayor Campaign is renting a portion of that storefront as a campaign headquarters (like many other Romulus mayoral candidates have done when they didn’t have family property to use).

The signs in the windows do not cause a disturbance or obstruction and are frankly no different than a retail store advertisement. Just because you don’t agree with the message of the sign doesn’t make it “disrespectful.” Further, Ms. Lemmon points out that the election is “more than a year” away. Ms. Lemmon clearly must not be thinking about the primary election, which is months sooner.

Let’s stop with the ill-conceived, false outrage over a sign in a window.

Dale Justice
Romulus

It’s that time again, don’t forget to vote!

To the editor:

Well, it’s that time again, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that voted for me in the primary election.

I was humbled by the number of votes I received and feel rewarded by so many others feeling as I did, that ... a change in Sumpter officials seemed overdue.

With that said, I would now like to endorse the following locals in the upcoming election:

1. Township Supervisor: Tim Bowman
2. Treasurer: James Clark
3. Trustees: Sheena Barnes, Peggy A. Morgan, Don LaPorte, Matt Oddy
4. Judge of 34th District Court: Alexandria Taylor

My endorsement would require a split or mixed ticket vote.

Thank you, again. Don’t forget to vote! And, love you all.

Sherry J. Olds
Sumpter Township

Turn-light needed at South I-94 Service Dr.

To the editor:

This is the first time I have ever written to you, but, I felt it was necessary. I am not one to complain about small things but this needs to be addressed.

Since they did the detour for the Huron River Bridge the traffic flows down the South I-94 Service Drive. Which is no problem but, there is no turning light for traffic to turn left onto Belleville Road.

All day I hear horns blowing, tires screeching, a few car accidents happening. You would have thought they would have thought of this prior to doing this detour.

But, if it is this bad now, what’s it going to be like until June of next year? This was an accident-prone area to begin with.

Is there something that can be done? The traffic gets lined up all the way down the service drive, then going into town is just not happening.

What are your thoughts? It would be nice to have one [a turn signal light] at Tyler, too, but right now I am worried about my street.

Michille Traskos
Van Buren Township



Oct. 12 – Korena Johnson, Pierre Rice, Angie Jones

Oct. 13 – Sherry Olds, Allison White

Oct. 14 – Shane Convery, M.J. Dawson

Oct. 15 – Nelson Po, Leslie Ferguson

Oct. 17 – Chris Demond

Oct. 21 – Denise Diamond

Vote Don LaPorte for reelection in Sumpter

To the editor and residents of Sumpter Township:

I’m supporting Don LaPorte because he was serving his community long before he was elected to the Board of Trustees in Sumpter Township, and I know he will continue to serve his community with the highest pedigree, as he runs for reelection. I fully support and endorse Don LaPorte for Sumpter Township Trustee.

Jimmie Wilson, Jr
Ypsilanti Township Trustee
UAW Local 898 Trustee

Thank you to St. Jude

To the editor:

I want to thank St. Jude for answering my prayers. I will continue to pray to St. Jude so my family and I can survive these hard times.

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so far is Groot, (Star Wars) designed by the folks at Belleville Tax & Accounting across the hall from us. I got to see the final assembly of the Star Wars character. Pretty awesome.

Garden Fantasy Greenhouse on Tyler Road, east of Belleville Road is your fall decorating headquarters with huge selection of pumpkins, corn stalks, Indian corn, straw, gourds, squash, and more. Their pot-perennials are on sale and garden cement statuary is 25% off. Visit them on Facebook and check out their ad in today's paper. Call (734) 697-1765.

This week marks Fire Prevention Week here in Michigan (Oct. 4-10). If you'd like some free educational literature, visit the Van Buren Township Municipal Center or the Public Safety office during regular business hours.

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Rash of political sign stealing erupts in Sumpter

Karitheia Murry Hanible of Oakville Waltz Road reported on Tuesday that there has been a rash of political sign-stealing in Sumpter Township.

She said she got some Biden/Harris signs through her union, gave some to her friends, and put one in her yard.

She said on Monday, she went to run an errand at 3:30 p.m. When she got home at 6 p.m., her Biden/Harris sign was gone, but her judge signs were still in place.

The Biden/Harris sign she gave her neighbor across the street also was gone.

She said a neighbor on Sumpter Road went to the hospital to see her daughter and when she came back her Biden sign was gone.

Hanible said she was on her way to report the thefts to the police department.

She also reported she was on Willow

Road in Huron Township and saw a big Biden sign that was cut in half. It looked like someone cut it with an axe, she said.

Last week the Independent published a letter from a man whose Trump sign was stolen, and the Trump sign across the street was stolen, too.

Courtney Viers graduates from Ohio U.

Courtney Viers, of Belleville graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. More than 1,900 students graduated with bachelor's, master's or doctorate degrees from Ohio University for summer semester 2020.

The Belleville Tigers Varsity Football team scored 35 points in the opening quarter en-route to a 69-0 victory over Wayne Memorial last Friday, Oct. 2. It was the second-straight game where the offense posted an identical final score as last week's game. Belleville improved to 3-0 on the year and is ranked No. 1 in the Michigan Associated Press rankings and fourth in state. Tomorrow evening, Oct. 9, Belleville travels to Westland John Glenn.

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VBT Parks & Rec seeks submissions for fall photo challenge

By Alysha Albrecht

VBT Communications Dept.

The fall colors have arrived in southeast Michigan and for the first time ever, the Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a virtual fall photo challenge.

For the whole month of October, residents can submit their fall color photos online or by email. Each week the winning photo will be published in the Belleville-Area Independent, on the Parks & Rec. social media account, and township website. You do not have to be a professional photographer to submit your photos. Cell phone photos will be accepted and are encouraged.

Participants are asked to upload their photos on the Virtual Photo Challenge Facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/653381548917616> or email them to communications@vanburen-mi.org. You must include your name, email,

and the location where the photo was taken to be considered for a winning entry.

This is a special opportunity to show your appreciation for the township's parks and highlight the beauty of our area. A winner will be chosen each week, starting the week of Oct. 5 and ending Oct. 26. Winners will be announced the following week due to judging. For example, the winner from the week of Oct. 26 will be announced the week of Nov. 2. Judging will be done by members of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

Looking for some photo ideas?

- Family, Friends, and Fun -- Community members showcasing themselves enjoying the township parks (playing outside in leaves, sitting by the Lake, etc.).

- Beautification -- Volunteers (individuals and groups) participating in park clean-ups activities.

- Scenic, Seasons, and Landscapes -- Showcasing the beauty of our parks and

the township. This includes your own backyard where sometimes the prettiest colors can be found.

- Wildlife -- Capturing our critters that we share our space with. This could include mammals, birds, insects, and reptiles. Stay safe and keep your distance to not disrupt their environments.

Minimum Criteria:

- Photos must be taken in a Van Buren Township park or within Van Buren Charter Township -- go here to view all park locations: <https://vanburen-mi.org/parks-and-recreation/>

- Photographs must be taken by you and you must have the rights to the photo.

- The photo must include your name, email, and the location.

By submitting your photo to Van Buren Township Parks & Recreation Photo Challenge you understand that any pictures taken of you or your family may be used for future promotion, or maybe displayed online and could be published in the Belleville-Area Independent.

For more information email communications@vanburen-mi.org or call Alysha Albrecht at 734-740-0547.

Yankee Air Museum offers helicopter rides Oct. 14, 24

In its first season ever, Yankee Air Museum's Vietnam-era Huey helicopter, "Greyhound," has been flying Air Adventure rides from Willow Run Airport and the Museum since early August.

Now, the venerable workhorse of the air in Vietnam is closing out the flying season with only two more dates. The Huey will fly on Wednesday, Oct. 14, as well as Saturday, Oct. 24.

The Greyhound once flew in Vietnam as part of the 240th Assault Helicopter Company. When the 240th AHC formed, the members had to select their unit symbol and call sign for identification. They decided on "Greyhounds" because of their speed and dependability, just like the bus company, Greyhound Lines, Inc.

During the War, the company supplied the 240th AHC with the famed running dog logo decals for the airships. The 240th Air Assault Helicopter Company even adopted a similar slogan, "Go Greyhound -- and Leave the Flying to Us."

Air Adventure rides on the UH-1 Huey Greyhound flights take off every 15 minutes beginning at 4 p.m. on Oct. 14 from Yankee Air Museum. On Saturday, Oct. 24, flights begin at 10 a.m. from Hangar 1. An Air Adventure ride is a 10-minute experience and costs \$99.

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VBT DDA to spend \$12,000 for more picnic tables, trash receptacles

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting by Zoom on Sept. 22, the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority approved spending up to \$12,000 on trash receptacles and picnic tables but balked at buying concrete lawn games.

Assistant DDA Director Lisa Lothringer presented a \$17,000 proposal to use the remaining 2018 bond proceeds from the pedestrian bridge for the trash receptacles and picnic tables and further asked for two sets of corn hole and one set of ladder golf with extra sets of bean bags and string golf balls for Harris Park.

She said bond counsel has confirmed that the suggested site furnishings on the proposals are appropriate and allowable purchases under the guidelines of the 2018 bond.

Lothringer said the Placemaking project (Harris Park) and the DDA's commitment to improved pedestrian safety within the DDA district were an integral part of why the DDA was awarded a TAP grant.

"Therefore, it is fitting that a portion of the remaining bond proceeds be used to purchase and place trash receptacles at both ends of the pedestrian bridge and additional amenities at Harris Park," she wrote in a request to the commission.

She said staff is proposing the items be purchased through Penchura, the site vendor used on the Quirk Park Splash Pad and Park Improvement project.

Two trash receptacles will be secured to each end of the bridge with cable locks. An additional trash receptacle and three more picnic tables will be added to Harris Park.

Lothringer said the concrete lawn games

have been wildly popular in other communities and they could be placed in the spring.

"Cornhole and ladder golf, I'm not for those," said DDA chairman Craig Atchinson.

"I'm not for those," agreed vice chairperson Carol Bird. "When I look out at the park, I'm not sure you want to go in that direction." Bird's real estate office is just west of the park.

Lothringer said the other items were not to exceed \$12,000 without the concrete lawn games.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara agreed that the park was more for millennials and adults.

DDA member Helen Foster also agreed and made the motion to approve purchases not to exceed \$12,000. The motion was seconded by DDA member Joyce Rochowiak and approved unanimously.

In other business at the 42-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Approved purchases not to exceed \$10,000 for holiday decorations for Harris Park and the triangle at Belleville and Quirk roads. Several options were considered and DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland was directed to maximize that amount for what is needed;

- Heard Chairman Atchinson say Ford Motor Co. gave him 4,000 face masks, along with 11,000 for the schools. He said if anyone needs masks to let him know;

- Heard Supervisor McNamara say he would like to see the DDA office at Harris Park be used for little art shows. He said they could have Reg Ion's photos and other artists. They could work with the Belleville Area Council for the Arts on this. They could have a weekend with Reggie and

have cocktails – or not. Atchinson said in February the DDA started in that direction and then COVID arrived. "We're coming up with a vision," McNamara said. "We've got six months before we let it happen" because of COVID. Lothringer said they were discussing workshops and a business incubator, but "can't do it right now." Atchinson agreed, "It's a tough time right now";

- DDA member Mark Laginess suggested the DDA look at some other technology, more reliable than Zoom, since many members had problems getting into that day's meeting. Lothringer, who is the host, said she will look at other ways. McNamara said, "I always have trouble getting in on this Zoom ... I have a problem every

time to this Zoom ... It's not you!" Laginess said he had a question on the first item on the agenda. He asked what the \$3,000 listed was for and Lothringer said it is a six-sided kiosk. (This item was not mentioned in the information furnished to the Independent);

- Heard Director of Public Service Matthew Best say that the police department can always use masks and Atchinson said he would drop some off;

- Learned from Director Ireland's memo to the DDA that the Aerotropolis board approved a resolution of intent and called for a public hearing on the amendment to the LDFA District. Aerotropolis is in the process of expanding its LDFA District to

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encompass the participating communities, including VBT. "Expanding the boundary line does not negate the ability of 'local control,'" she wrote. She said the public hearing will be held Dec. 3; and

• Heard Lothringer say the one-page ad and advertorial for Business View digital

magazine contains an ad with a photograph taken by VBT resident Reg Ion. She also reported she has received a CD with a voice recording of Albert Harris telling the story of his life and family. She is working on ideas of how that can be incorporated into the historical story of Harris Park.

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Zoom Court Watching

Co-defendants in VBT shooting set to come back to court on Oct. 7

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

An emergency bond hearing was held Sept. 23 for Torrey Rashadd Jeffries, 22, of Ypsilanti, before Judge Oakley. Defense attorney Beth Morrow asked the judge to reduce Jeffries' bond from \$100,000/10% to \$50,000/10% so his family could afford to get him out of jail in order to get him the medication that has worked for him.

Pretrial services recommended a GPS tether and no contact with the victim.

Morrow asked that her client be released to his grandfather's home near Lansing, where he has lived before. She presented an affidavit signed by the grandfather saying his grandson would get care and consistent medication.

Morrow said in the jail they have certain medications, but they are not the ones that have worked for him and he is reportedly groggy and confused. She said he had been living with his mother in Ypsilanti and going to the University of Michigan for treatment.

Prosecutor Lori Mirelis-Smith said the charges are serious and the co-defendant is his brother.

Judge Oakley reduced the bond to \$50,000/10%, ordered that he live with his grandfather, have no firearms, and wear a GPS tether so they know where he is.

He is charged with assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault),

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and three counts of felony firearm on July 29 in Van Buren Township.

His Sept. 9 probable cause conference had been adjourned until Sept. 30, which he attended in a shirt and tie by Zoom after being released. Then the probable cause conference was adjourned again for discovery issues until Oct. 7.

Tyrell Deandre Hooks

The probable cause conference on Sept. 30 before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green included Jeffries' co-defendant Tyrell Deandre Hooks, 27, of Canton, who attended by Zoom from the Wayne County Jail.

He also is charged with the same six felony counts dated July 29 in Van Buren Township.

Jeffries was released, but Hooks was still in jail. Originally, they were both being held on bond of \$500,000 cash or surety. Hooks' bond had been reduced to \$100,000/10%, as requested by his retained attorney Ellen Michaels.

At the Sept. 30 hearing, Michaels filed a motion to again reduce the bond to \$50,000/10%. She said this court had reduced the codefendant's bond and Hooks has a lease agreement on an apartment in Canton and wouldn't be in Van Buren Township where the alleged victims are.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Lori Mirelis-Smith said it was Judge Oakley that reduced Jeffries' bond and Jeffries is living with his grandfather in Lansing under tight surveillance.

"Several shots were fired and I'm not in favor of releasing him to his home," Prosecutor Smith said, referring to Hooks.

Judge Green asked Smith how she felt about a reduction to \$50,000/10% and he being locked down to his apartment. Smith said that that would be extremely generous and Canton is too close to VBT.

"I've leave the bond as it is and refer it to pretrial services," Judge Green said, adding she knows everyone got discovery.

"These are only allegations," Michaels said, adding there is a shooting involved, but no injuries.

"That's why I'm sending it to pretrial services," Judge Green replied. "They have a better handle on it than I do." She adjourned the probable cause conference for the co-defendants for one week, until 11 a.m., Oct. 7. She said pretrial services is working pretty quickly. She also said the conference will be before Judge Oakley and, "Maybe you'll have better luck" in getting the bond reduced for Hooks.

Johnnie Lee Goodman

Johnnie Lee Goodman, 29, formerly of a group home in Van Buren Township and now of Troy, had two files at 34th District Court, with one in Van Buren Township for criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree on July 10. That was scheduled for a probable cause conference on Sept. 23 with Nancy Richards from Neighborhood Defender Service as defense attorney.

There was another case on March 23, also in Van Buren Township. He was charged with assault/resisting/obstructing a police officer and domestic violence, with per-

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personal bond of \$5,000. Richards is also attorney on this case.

Judge Oakley adjourned both cases to Oct. 7 for probable cause conferences so they could be tracked together.

There were two prosecutors on the two cases and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office was going to review this and try to have just one prosecutor for Goodman's cases.

Defense attorney Richards said she has information that the defendant was found incompetent in another jurisdiction.

Darius Dequin Logwood

Darius Dequin Logwood, 26, of Milan had a preliminary exam set for 3 p.m., Oct. 21, and his appointed defense attorney Richards said she has no discovery yet and if she doesn't get discovery by the time of the exam, she will move for dismissal of charges.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Smith will attempt to get the discovery to her.

Logwood is charged with breaking and entering (entry without breaking with intent), larceny in a building, and stealing/retaining without consent a financial transaction device on Aug. 5 in Van Buren Township.

Damian Lashawn Green

A live, preliminary exam has been set for 10 a.m., Nov. 4, for Damian Lashawn Green, 25, of Detroit. He is charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm

less than murder and domestic violence on Sept. 11 in Van Buren Township.

His appointed attorney, Robert Burton-Harris of Neighborhood Defense Service, addressed Green's bond, which had been set at \$5,000 cash/surety or 10% cash and he must not have any contact with the complainant.

He told Judge Oakley that his client is indigent and has been incarcerated for 20 days. Burton-Harris said he has two children and does not reside with the complainant.

Prosecutor Larry King objected to modification of the bond because it is appropriate. He said if the judge is inclined to modify the bond, Green must have no contact with the victim or 45501 N. I-94 Service Dr.

Burton-Harris asked if that could be no assaultive contact and King would not agree and objected to any contact at all.

Judge Oakley reduced bond to \$5,000 personal bond and stated there is to be no contact at all with the victim.

Steven Patrick Murray

Steven Patrick Murray, 57, of Wayne, waived his preliminary exam and Judge Oakley bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Oct. 14. Murray is charged with carrying a concealed weapon and driving while license suspended on July 14 in Van Buren Township. He is free on \$10,000 personal bond.

Ramon Omar Dorr-Horton

Judge Green set a preliminary exam for Ramon Omar Dorr-Horton, 28, of Van Buren Township at 11:30 a.m., Oct. 26. He is

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charged with carrying a concealed weapon, driving while license suspended, and open alcohol container in a vehicle on Aug. 27 in Belleville.

Judge Green said he also has a misdemeanor case out of Van Buren Township and she lifted the bench warrant and will set it for a pretrial.

Shannon Marie Johnson

Shannon Marie Johnson, 29, of Van Buren Township had two, back-to-back preliminary exams before Judge Green and was bound over for trial on both of them with her arraignments on the information on Oct. 14 at circuit court.

The first case carried three charges of assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer, one count of aggravated domestic violence, and one count of interfering with a crime report on July 25 in Van Buren Township.

VB T Police Sgt. Marc Abdilla was the only witness called by Prosecutor Smith. He testified that at about 11:30 p.m., he went on a call where Johnson was accused of assaulting her grandmother. He said the grandmother was outside in a vehicle when he arrived and gave them permission to enter the home. When he and two other officers entered the home, Johnson was walking toward them in the hallway with just her panties on.

When they took her into custody she was fighting, kicking, screaming and it took all three officers to get her into handcuffs and clothed so she could be transported. She was carried to the patrol car, Sgt. Abdilla said.

"We've had numerous contacts with her..." Abdilla said and defense attorney Timothy Wrather objected.

He said he felt she was under the influence of some drug. Her mother told them she may have taken too much of a prescription she had. Abdilla said he is an EMT and he did not feel it necessary to take her to a

hospital.

In the second preliminary exam, Johnson faced charges of possession of a controlled substance (narcotic or cocaine) less than 25 grams and driving while license suspended in Van Buren Township on Feb. 18.

VB T Officer Scott Griggs testified he made a traffic stop when Johnson's headlights were blinding on the Service Drive. He saw equipment for smoking narcotics on the center console and a "Chars" product. She had no license on her. He said he requested backup. The passenger in the back seat had a warrant and her mother in the right front seat had a warrant.

Johnson had a suspended license and multiple warrants, Officer Griggs said. He said Officer Short patted her down and she had a pipe in her waistband. There was a bulge in her crotch area, so they got a Canton female officer to search her at the station. The Canton officer removed a cigarette box packet in her underwear, Officer Griggs said. It contained folded up papers and crack cocaine was suspected.

Det. Mike Long testified he took the property to the Michigan State Police Lab.

"We don't open the packages because of issues we've had," said Det. Long, referring to fentanyl.

She is free on \$5,000 personal bond.

Michael Lee Crane

Michael Lee Crane, 43, of Sumpter Township was bound over to circuit court for an Oct. 19 arraignment on the information after a preliminary exam held before Judge Oakley on Oct. 5.

He is charged with unlawful imprisonment, domestic violence third-offense notice, and assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) on Aug. 11 in Sumpter Township. He is free on \$5,000 personal bond.

COVID-19 death total in 48111 area remains at 32

The COVID-19 death rate in the 48111 zip code had been 32 since Sept. 10.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 were 650 on Monday, Oct. 5, up from 637 the previous Monday, Sept. 28.

On Monday, Oct. 5, the separate numbers released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 392 positive cases, 17 deaths; City of Belleville, 178 positive cases, 14 deaths; and Sumpter Township 80 positive cases, 1 death.

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 IN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE, WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Belleville who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the City Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated State Agency. Registration forms can be obtained at belleville.mi.us/elections or at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, October 19, 2020**.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (per MCL 168.492) at the City Clerk's office, located at 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111 at the following times:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Qualifications for Registration:

- Applicant is at least 18 years of age
- Resident with the City of Belleville for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election.
- Citizen of the United States

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the residents in the City of Belleville will be voting on the following:

- Office of the President of the United States
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- Representative in State Legislature 21st District
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- Governor of Wayne State University
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- Judge of 3rd Circuit Court
- Judge of Probate Court
- Judge of 34th District Court
- Board of Trustees Wayne County Community College 9th District
- Local School Board
- Belleville Area District Library Board Members

State Proposals:

Proposal 20-1 A proposed constitutional amendment allowing money from oil and gas mining on state-owned lands to continue to be collected in state funds for land protection and creation and maintenance of parks, nature areas, and public recreation facilities; and to describe how money in those state funds can be spend.

Proposal 20-2 A proposed constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications.

Local Petitions:

Petition #1 For the City Council of the City of Belleville to adopt an ordinance to provide for the number of Marihuana Establishments with the City, including regulatory and application provisions incidental to a system of safe and legal access to marijuana within the municipality pursuant to the Sec. 6.1 of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act.

Petition #2 For a Charter Amendment to regulate Marihuana Establishments within the City of Belleville.

- **Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal Proposal** (renewal of authority which expires with the 2021 levy on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan be increased by 2 mills for a period of six (6) years from 2022 through 2027 to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes).

Sample ballots are available in the City Clerk's office, 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111 or on the City's website: www.bellevilleonthelake.com.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the City Clerk's office: (734) 697-9323, extension 7010.

Verna Chapman,
City Clerk

Posted: October 1, 2020
Published: October 8, 2020

More Letters

Here are details of lake law enforcement

To the editor:

To begin I'd like to apologize for not informing you of the lake law enforcement meeting I planned back on 8/25. I have seen your articles about the meeting and the recent uptick in police patrols as well as the editorial from the gentleman two weeks ago. I am reaching out to you to clarify what has been happening. This can be for your information only or printed in full or in part.

I wanted to give you the story behind the recent uptick in police patrols on Belleville Lake and the agreements we have from the officers to help with the dangerous situations we have been seeing lately.

We have seen a huge uptick in the amount

of reckless boating this year, especially from Jet-skis. The Lake Community Facebook page was getting many complaints each week about very dangerous activities including people speeding under the bridges and across the sandbar where people are standing in the water. There are videos and pictures of jet skis way too close to boats pulling wakeboarders and I personally witnessed a man seriously injured when he crashed into a boat hoist on a jet ski at high speed. There have been collisions and near misses almost daily. We have jet skis on the water illegally well past dark and, when confronted, the offending boaters become hostile and have given the one finger salute while intentionally spraying boats with water. Of course, we always get our share of this type of activity but 2019 and 2020 has seen it dramatically increase as large groups of out-of-town riders arrive and launch in groups of 6-10 and proceed to use the lake as their personal race course.

There was even an illegal jet ski and boat

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Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **1:00 p.m. on October 27, 2020**, for **The Early Childhood Development Center**. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:

<https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5565f9b93ad9f70800b26d32>

After you create your free Building Connected account and join the project, all bids and questions must be submitted electronically at: <https://www.buildingconnected.com/>

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on October 9, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. via a Microsoft Teams Meeting online at <https://tinyurl.com/y633l8fq> and/or call in [+1 734-887-6326](tel:+17348876326) Conference ID: [107 687 419#](tel:107687419#).

Bid Security, Cashier's Check or Certified Check in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the bid must be included along with a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the School District. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must also be included along with a Criminal Background Disclosure Affidavit and a Non-Collusive Affidavit. Accepted bidders may be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

Documents will be available for viewing on **October 6, 2020**. Any questions, contact Kyle Oberdorf, Granger Construction Project Manager at: koberdorf@grangerconstruction.com or Taylor Scripps, Granger Construction Project Engineer at tscripps@grangerconstruction.com.

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rental operation being run from a home on Lake Pointe Pass. They were advertising on social media and allowing anyone with the funds to just hop on a jet ski and go. This has since been shut down by the township but we know that they have taken that operation mobile and were renting the high powered machines to inexperienced riders at each of the DNR launches. We know this because someone posted an advertisement for these rentals pinned to the wall at the local party store. We called the number posing as interested customers and we were told they are done renting for the year but plan on coming back next year with seven more new jet skis to rent!

I reached out to the VBPB, Wayne County Sheriff, and DNR marine division and invited them to hear our concerns at a Community and Law Enforcement Belleville Lake Safety Forum which was held on Tuesday 8/25 6:30 p.m. at Quirk Park Pavilion. We had a large group of concerned boaters in attendance and excellent representation from all law enforcement entities as well as VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara and VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain.

We came prepared with a list of the most

common dangerous activities that we have been seeing and asked them to help with more patrols and enforcement. Our fear is someone is going to get killed and they were very willing to help.

I made the point that we ARE NOT looking to turn the lake into a police state and make the lake a "no fun" zone. We just want some increased and staggered patrol times and attention to some of the most

dangerous activities. I handed out agendas with our top-seven safety concerns and the officers were all engaged and taking notes.

The main concerns are:

1. Large groups of jet skis and boaters converging on the lake at once and driving recklessly
2. High speeds under the bridges, sometimes pulling people on tubes
3. Fishermen tying up under the bridges,

blocking passage

4. Jet skis and boats too close to the shoreline and other boats

5. Jet skis out after legal sunset, sometimes well after dark

6. Vessels ignoring the counterclockwise direction rule

7. Illegal jet ski rentals on the lake

After our discussion everyone verbally

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL HOLD TWO SEPARATE PUBLIC HEARINGS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A SPECULATIVE BUILDING DESIGNATION FOR BUILDING #4 AT THE CROSSROADS DISTRIBUTION CENTER NORTH LOCATED AT 42040 ECORSE ROAD.

THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A SPECULATIVE BUILDING DESIGNATION FOR BUILDING #5 AT THE CROSSROADS DISTRIBUTION CENTER NORTH LOCATED AT 42040 ECORSE ROAD.

BOTH BUILDINGS ARE LOCATED IN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT #25. THE FOLLOWING PARCELS IDENTIFY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT #25 WHICH TOTAL 293.81 ACRES.

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TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VIRTUAL MEETING, THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PUBLISHED AGENDA FOR THAT MEETING DATE (POSTED 3 CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO OCTOBER 20, 2020) WHICH WILL BE LOCATED AT <https://vanburen-mi.org/meetings-agendas-and-minutes/board-of-trustees/>

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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#1: 83-008-99-0002-703

SPLIT/COMBINED ON 10/22/2013 FROM 83 008 99 0002 702; COMMENCING AT THE S 1/4 CORNER OF SEC 2, T3SR8E; TH S90D 00M 00S E 350.00 FT ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SEC 2 AND CENTERLINE OF ECORSE RD FOR A PLACE OF BEG; TH N00D 24M 19S W 1614.16FT; TH N18D 42S 09M W 1114.86FT TO THE CENTER POST OF SAID SECTION; TH S 89D 59M 43S E 2156.75FT ALONG THE E-W 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION; TH S 00D 14M 07S E 1670.03 FT; TH N90D 00S 00M E 180.74 FT; TH S 00D 14M 07S E 480.00 FT; TH N90D 00M 00S W 180.74 FT; TH S00D 14M 07S E 459.99FT; TH N90D 00S 00M W 743.35FT ALONG A LINE 60 FT NORTHERLY OF AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION; TH N 00D 14M 07S W 15.00FT; TH N90D 00M 00S W 935.80 FT ALONG A LINE 75 FT NORTHERLY OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SEC 2; TH S 00D 33M 03S E 75FT; TH N90D 00M 00S W 120.09 FT ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION AND SAID CENTERLINE OF ECORSE RD TO THE PLACE OF BEG. BEING A PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF SAID SEC 2 AND CONTAINING 114.10 AC OF LAND

#2: 83-008-99-0037-701

SPLIT/COMBINED ON 10/22/2013 FROM 83 008 99 0037 000; COMMENCING AT THE SE CORNER OF SEC 2, T3SR8E, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN; TH DUE N 60 FT ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 2; TH N89D 37M 00S W 483.07 FT ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ECORSE RD FOR A PLACE OF BEG; TH N89D 37M 00S W 60 FT ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE; TH N00D 09M 30S E 459.99 FT; TH S89D 37M 00S E 60.00 FT; TH S00D 09M 30S W 459.99 FT TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 2 AND CONTAINING 0.63 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS.

#3: 83-008-99-0014-701

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#4: 83-005-01-0034-301

02A34,T2 LOT 34 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE ALSO N 1/2 ADJ VAC BEVERLY ST 86FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR-K-6.02 - ALSO PT OF THE SE 1/4 SEC 2 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG N8 DEG 33M 32S W 60.04 FT FROM E 1/4 SEC 2 -- TH S00DEG 12M 11S W 35.79 FT - TH N87DEG 59M 49S W596.58 FT - TH N00DEG 12M 11S E 19.52 FT - TH S 89DEG 33MIN 32S E 596.13FT TO POB 0.38AC

#5: 83-005-01-0033-300

02A33 LOT 33 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#6: 83-005-01-0032-300

02A32 LOT 32 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#7: 83-005-01-0031-300

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#9: 83-005-01-0029-300

02A29 LOT 29 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#10: 83-005-01-0028-300

02A28 LOT 28 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

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02A27 LOT 27 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#12: 83-005-01-0026-300

02A26 LOT 26 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#13: 83-005-01-0025-300

02A25 LOT 25 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE ALSO N 1/2 ADJ VAC GERBSTADT ST 60FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR

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agreed to an action plan for the concerns:

1. The DNR and WC officers said this is not a situation unique to our lake. Many people took their newfound stimulus wealth and bought jet skis. They see the same issues on the Detroit River and Erie. They crack down on enforcement and the riders move from Erie to the river and then to Belleville Lake. They are very aware of our situation and are definitely willing to increase and stagger patrol times here.

2. The DNR was out recently and concentrated on the bridges for hours. They wrote citations and escorted people off the lake that did not have a Boater Safety Certificate. The other agencies will also focus on this more.

3. The ordinance for no fishing/mooring under the bridge is a township one. It is not enforceable by the DNR or WC. They will inform the boaters but VBT is the sole enforcer of this. The DNR said they have no problem asking them to pull out of there for a safety check. VBT will continue to enforce

4. Jet skis and boats too close to shore-lines and other boats is a common problem, especially since our lake is so narrow. They focus on those recklessly jumping wakes behind boats and those that are too close to shore when traffic isn't heavy.

5. VBT will stagger patrol times to have some time on the lake after dark. DNR and VBT will park at the launches more often and look for jet ski trailers. They will be there to "welcome" the late-night riders as much as possible.

6. Lake direction is viewed as an education issue. The Sheriff's idea is to provide pamphlets to the launch workers with a bullet list of rules for each launching boater. WC and VBT will invest in better signage for the launches and bridges.

7. We have become aware that the house that was renting jet skis has moved their operations to the launches. This will be monitored and shut down when it occurs next year. The officers have no problem impounding these rental jet skis

The following weekend we saw two Sheriff boats, a DNR boat and two DNR officers on jet skis on the water. The VBT patrol was in the shop for repairs at the time but has since resumed patrols and we see them out there much more often. The increased police presence continued past Labor Day and we still see the occasional patrols when the weather is warm. We all hope this increased enforcement will have an immediate impact on the dangerous activity and will send the message to out-of-towners that Belleville Lake has rules and they will be enforced. We also hope that this large police presence will not be required for the entire 2021 boating season and things will return to normal.

On behalf of the Belleville Lake boating community, I would like to personally thank the residents, officers and VBT officials who attended the meeting and agreed to take a team approach to help with the situation. The increased patrols by our fine men and women in law enforcement has

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had an immediate impact on the dangerous incidents and we cannot thank them enough!

Other topics discussed:

1. Supervisor McNamara said he would approve OT for VBT Marine patrols until we feel the situation has improved.

2. They cannot close the DNR launches at 10 p.m. The decision to leave them open statewide comes from the Parks Dept. and they feel that people should be able to use the park seating and natural areas even without a boat. If you have a recreation sticker, they are for all to use at any time.

3. We will meet again with everyone in the spring to discuss results of the enforcement efforts and talk about a plan for 2021. It is our thought that we should not need as much DNR and WC presence once everyone gets the idea that this is not the Wild West.

4. Boat U.S. will have a boat on land next year near the lake and will be providing towing services. Law Enforcement will not tow boats due to liability and possible damage to the sonar scanning systems on the rear of their boats.

What can we do?

1. As we have already discovered, the increased patrols will not just impact out-of-townners. VBT has stated that the officers will be switching from an “educational” stance to a more “enforcement” posture. We all need to watch our own P’s & Q’s. Now is a great time to make sure our safety equipment is correct, lights are working and that we are aware of the laws and obeying them ourselves

2. Educate our children and guests about the laws on the lake. Make sure riders and boaters have the Boater’s Safety Certificate on their person if they need one. The Sherriff has agreed to do another class next spring for those needing it.

3. Become familiar with the drinking laws for boaters (.08 BAC just like a vehicle). It’s best to have a DD.

4. Slow down. The speed limit on Belleville Lake is 40 m.p.h.

5. Take pictures and video! Do not engage anyone personally on the lake. If you see seriously dangerous activity or are confronted by another boater, take video and get the MC numbers. Send it to Sgt. Stanton at jstanton@vanburen-mi.org. This has already resulted in some citations being written. They appreciate us being the eyes and ears. Here’s the info they would like:

- Date and time of incident
- Where on the lake did it happen? (address, landmark, or general area)
- Synopsis of the incident. What happened?
- Description of the offender & vessel (physical description of the operator, MC #)
- Supporting information (photos, videos, etc.)
- Reporting persons information (name, address, telephone number)

If you see a life-threatening situation or severely dangerous behavior, call VBT dispatch at (734) 699-8930. If the officer is on

the lake, he will be sent to your location

If the Sheriff is on the lake and you have a marine radio, you can hail them on channel 16

To contact the DNR, use the RAP ho-

tline 1-800-292-7800. It is like the DNR dispatch number.

Chris Donley

Van Buren Township

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#14: 83-005-01-0024-300

02A24 LOT 24 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#15: 83-005-01-0023-300

02A23 LOT 23 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#16: 83-005-01-0021-300

02A21 LOT 21 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#17: 83-005-99-0004-000

02CD1 PT OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 1238.38FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 146.41FT TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2906.08FT TH WLY 146.57FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2900.27FT POB 9.75 AC

#18: 83-005-99-0005-000

02CD2 PART OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 1091.98FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 146.40FT TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2900.27FT TH WLY 146.95FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2888.72FT POB 9.73 AC

#19: 83-005-99-0006-000

02CD3 PT OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 865.78FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 226.20FT TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2888.72FT TH SWLY 228.34FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2859.43FT POB 14.93 AC

#20: 83-005-99-0007-000

02CD4 PART OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 733.96FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 131.82FT TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2859.43FT TH SWLY 133.44FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2835.85FT POB 8.62 AC

#21: 83-005-99-0010-000

02D5B PART OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 585.78FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR SEC 2 TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2246.62FT TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 148.18FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2246.62FT TH S89DEG 51M 50S W 148.18FT POB 7.64 AC

#22: 83-005-99-0008-000

02C5 D5A PT OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 585.78FT AND N0DEG 17M 40S E 2246.62FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 557FT TH NELY 151.88FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 589.23FT TH S89DEG 51M 50S W 148.18FT POB 1.95 AC

#23: 83-005-99-0009-701

02CD6A,F2,G1,H2,N1B PT OF NE 1/4 SEC AND NW 1/4 SEC 02 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG AT THE CENTER OF SEC 02 - - TH S89 59 43E 585.78 FT- TH N00 09 17W 2810.89 FT- TH S76 27 50W 343.74 FT- TH S00 44 50E 239.30 FT- TH S76 27 50W 287.49 FT- TH S00 45 56E 938.11 FT- TH S89 38 26W 482.12 FT- TH S18 42 08E 1565.47 FT TO POB - 44.41 AC

#24: 83-005-99-0009-002

02CD6B PT OF NE 1/4 SEC 2 T3SR8E BEG N0DEG 18M W 2424.26FT FROM THE CEN 1/4 COR SEC 2 TH N0DEG 18M W 239.30FT TH N76DEG 54M 40S E 286.70FT TH S0DEG 18M E 239.30FT TH S76DEG 54M 40S W 286.70FT POB 1.58 AC

#25: 83-008-99-0006-701

02S1,T1 PART OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 37M W 60FT AND DUE N 2518FT FROM SE 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH DUE N 111.29FT - TH N88DEG 02M 30S W 596.58FT - TH S0DEG 09M 30S W 127.68FT - TH S89DEG 37M E 596.55FT POB 1.64 AC - ALSO PT OF THE SE 1/4 SEC 2 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG N89 DEG 33S W 60.04 FT AND S00 DEG 12M 11S W 35.79 FT FROM E 1/4 COR SEC 2 TH S00 DEG 12M 11S W 7.21 FT - TH N89 DEC 33M 32 S W 596.13 FT - TH N 00 DEC 12M 11S E 23.48 FT - S 87 DEG 59M 49S E 596.58 FT TO POB 0.21AC - K - 1.85

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City DDA to lay empty conduits on 4th St. until it gets electric lines

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority is using the redesign of Fourth Street in front of the new library as its Placemaking Project.

At the 28-minute Zoom meeting of the Belleville DDA on Sept. 16, the attempts to get electrical service adjacent to the planned tree grates at the Placemaking Project was reported.

DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson said she asked for a 220 line to the project and met with DTE and adjacent property owners. DTE said it would run conduits which will allow the DDA to run lines in the future.

"The library said no to using their line," Thompson said.

"We will lay the conduit now so we can lay lines in the future," Thompson said.

She said she and Spicer Group have been working with library contractors and that they will be ready for Fourth Street in a few weeks.

Gonczy contract

The DDA approved low-bidder Gonzy's Property Maintenance of Sumpter Township to again get the park grass mowing contract, this time for two years at the 2019 quoted prices. There were six bidders.

Estimated cost for 2020, if Gonczy's mowed 22 weeks, was \$8,910.

Thompson said that at the May meeting there were negative comments [by Councilwoman Kelly Bates] on Gonczy's work in Village Park, next to Victoria Commons where Bates lives. The DDA in May did make the decision to renew Gonczy for the current year and pass on Bates' complaints to Gonczy.

At the Sept. 16 meeting, Councilwoman Bates said Gonczy has been taking care of weed-whipping and has vastly improved. She said she would like to have Gonczy edge the sidewalks, as well, because overgrowth is four inches into the sidewalks. She asked the DDA to add that into his contract.

DDA vice chairman Jason Mida, who

was chairing the meeting in the absence of chairwoman Alicia McGovern, said that would be a cost difference and they'd have to come back with prices.

DDA member Denise Baker asked if edging is done once a year and Mida said he edges twice a month.

Thompson said this was not in the bid specs. If the DDA wants to have them do it, they would have to have a contract, she said.

DDA member Valerie Kelley-Bonner pointed out it was approaching the winter months.

Mida said Gonczy had worked without a contract for the DDA. The DDA could revisit this with Gonczy in the future. Thompson said she would talk with Gonczy about edging.

At the end of the meeting Councilwoman Bates said that with COVID people are getting out and walking and if the sidewalks are edged and not obstructed by overgrowth people won't have to go out into the streets.

DPW water truck

Thompson noted that she will add to the follow-up list a plan to buy a used truck by next spring for the DPW to use for watering the annuals and perennials in the DDA district during the summertime.

She said on the current truck you can see through the floorboards and it's probably not road worthy.

Tree grates, etc.

As part of the accounts payable expenditures, the council approved paying \$48,744 to Iron Age Designs for the special tree grates to be created for the Fourth Street Placemaking Project.

The total accounts payable was \$177,053.13, which included paying \$100,159.82 to the City of Belleville for maintenance and service in the DDA district, \$15,000 to Spicer Group for Fourth Street improvements, \$6,995 for the Belleville Police Department lockers, \$3,624.85 to Carol Thompson for salary/cell phone for a month, \$92.49 for community events sign, \$1,035 to Gonczy's Property Maintenance for park grass cutting for July, \$990 to Pioneer Landscaping for flower weeding and replanting, \$257.97 to Cable Ties & More for liftgate charge, and \$159 to Water Landscapes for maintenance of fountain services.

Upcoming Events

Mida announced the Sept. 24-26 Restaurant Rally 48111 which will help residents "show our loyalty to them for being loyal to us ... And make sure our restaurants realize we're there for them."

Treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams asked if there would be a "price fix" for the event and Thompson said they could have worked it out if it was just for Belleville restaurants. This is widespread, Thompson said, covering the 48111 zip code.

DDA member Valerie Kelley-Bonner said she goes to restaurant week in Detroit where they have "price fixes."

Thompson said she would get input from restaurants and, "a lot of our restaurants do it in the winter ... Let's keep it moving ... It's a great way to build."

Thompson said there will be a virtual Booville this October with a live scarecrow contest. Mayor Kerreen Conley said she expects to see creative scarecrows and scarecrows with masks.

The annual downtown Trick or Treat has been turned into a virtual costume contest, with people sending in pictures of those in costumes on Oct. 31 to be judged for prizes.

Also, the Monster Mutt Walk is virtual.

The Harvest Market will be held in person from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 10 on the Fourth Street Square, put on by the Central Business Community.

Bonner said she went to the COVID memorial on Belle Isle where there were large pictures along the roadway of local people who died of the virus. She said it would be "pretty cool to honor folks who lost their lives to COVID in our community."

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#26: 83-008-99-0021-701

*02S 17-23 PART OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 2 T3S, R8E,DESC AS BEG N87DEG 36M 47S W 60FT AND DUE N 1066FT FROM SE COR OF SEC2- TH N89DEG 37M 00S W 600.57FT- TH N00DEG 09M 30S E 462FT- TH S89DEG 37M 00S E 599.28FT -TH DUE S 462FT TO POB 6.36 AC

#27: 83-008-99-0008-000

02S9 PART OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 37M W 60FT AND DUE N 1990FT FROM SE COR OF SEC 2 TH DUE N 66FT TH N89DEG 37M W 597.82FT TH S0DEG 09M 30S W 65.99FT TH S89DEG 37M E

#28: 83-008-99-0007-000

02S2 PART OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 37M W 60FT AND DUE N 2452FT FROM SE COR OF SEC 2 TH DUE N 66FT TH N89DEG 37M W 596.55FT TH S0DEG 09M 30S W 66FT TH S89DEG 37M E 596.73FT POB 0.90 AC

#29: 83-008-99-0011-000

02S7 PT OF SSE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N N89DEG 37M W 60FT AND DUE NORTH 2122FT FROM SE COR OF SEC 2 TH DUE N 66FT TH N 89DEG 37M W 597.46FT TH S0DEG 09M 30S W 66FT TH S89DEG 37M E 597.64FT POB 0.91 AC

#30: 83-008-99-0012-700

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#31: 83-008-99-0013-000

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Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111. If you have any questions regarding the public hearing, please contact Clerk Leon Wright at 734-699-8909.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 330 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police for last week, including the following.

Sunday, Sept. 27:
0029 – missing person, Belleville Rd.
0356 – larceny, Lighthouse Dr.
0601 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1243 – parking complaint, Endicott Ave.
1245 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1329 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1339 – trespassing, Lighthouse Dr.
1431 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1455 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1558 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1712 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1720 – threat, Meadows Cir.
1748 – mental subject, North Shore Dr.
1852 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sage Cir. / Reedgrass Ln.
1935 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1945 – harassment call, Oak Ln.
2139 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
Monday, Sept. 28:
0310 – misc. complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0711 – noise complaint, N. Woodbury Dr.
0810 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0957 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1300 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Tyler Rd.
1349 – fraud, Denton Rd.
1458 – fight, Brandi Dr.
1622 – prisoner transport, Canton PD
1648 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
2005 – fraud, Sunrise Ln.
Tuesday, Sept. 29:
0131 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0452 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0831 – animal complaint, Marlowe Ave.
0851 – neighbor trouble, Oak Ln.
0919 – assist other dept., Aberdeen
1139 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1142 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1153 – fraud, W. Adams
1348 – property damage accident, E. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1644 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1726 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
2017 – suspicious person/vehicle, Daisy Blvd.
2219 – suspicious person/vehicle, Laguna Dr.
2255 – breaking & entering, Daisy Blvd.
2321 – assist other dept., W. Sadie Ln.
2336 – threat, N. Bellridge Dr.
Wednesday, Oct. 30:
0037 – missing person, Outer Dr.
0153 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
0221 – juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0246 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
0258 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0352 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.
0807 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0955 – larceny, Meadows Cir.
1048 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Woodbury
1205 – threat, W. Archwood Dr.
1246 – malicious destruction of property, Main / Liberty
1319 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1420 – animal complaint, Daisy Blvd.
1427 – property damage accident, E. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1703 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Venetian Ave.
2208 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2238 – family trouble, Lighthouse Dr.
2300 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.
2353 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, Oct. 1:
0224 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0734 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0848 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
0854 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0917 – private property impound, Michigan Ave.
0920 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1233 – motorist assist, Tyler/Morton Taylor Rd.
1240 – animal complaint, Marlowe Ave.
1333 – private property impound, Van Born
1401 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ashbury
1513 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1551 – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.
1625 – motorist assist, Ecorse/I-275
1633 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Hannan Rd.
1728 – animal complaint, Robson/Marlowe
1738 – larceny, Ecorse Rd.
1910 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
1956 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
2021 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
2029 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2031 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Friday, Oct. 2:
0153 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0958 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hannan Rd.
1118 – malicious destruction of property, Beck Ball field
1309 – animal complaint, Deanna Dr.
1445 – hospice death, Hanover Dr.
1512 – 911 welfare check, Anna Dr.
1551 – animal complaint, Wilson Ave.
1624 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2057 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2141 – noise complaint, Belle Pointe Dr.
2137 – family trouble, Country Walk Blvd.
2224 – shooting, Harmony Ln.
2248 – parking complaint, McBride/Arthur
2324 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Center
Saturday, Oct. 3:
0029 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
0117 – domestic, McKinley St.
0250 – assist other dept., rest area
0445 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1017 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1057 – family trouble, Village Green Ln.
1424 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1447 – traffic offense, Quirk Rd./Ayres Rd.
1521 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1619 – property damage accident, Elwell Rd.
1704 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Ave.
2018 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
2318 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Cemetery
Also on this week’s log are 160 traffic stops, 106 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 27:
0412 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1346 – property damage accident, Main/N. Liberty
1427 – traffic offense, Melody/E. Huron River Dr.
Monday, Sept. 28:
1332 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
1557 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Owen
Tuesday, Sept. 29:
0846 – noise complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.
0915 – family trouble, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1410 – property check, Main St.
2301 – assist other dept., Daisy
Wednesday, Sept. 30:
0140 – assist other dept., Wabash Ave.
0647 – traffic offense, Main/Denton
1207 – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave. / Main St.
1259 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1300 – narcotics crime, Columbia
1301 – suspicious person/vehicle, Church St.
1349 – property check, Victoria Commons
1626 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1726 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1815 – civil matter, S. Aberdeen Ct.
2154 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia Ave.
Thursday, Oct. 1:
0129 – assist other dept., E. Service Dr.
1053 – property check, Victoria Commons
1310 – traffic offense, Main/High
1315 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
1315 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
1334 – fraud, South St.
Friday, Oct. 2:
0544 – assist other dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1243 – abandoned auto, E. Huron River Dr./N. Edgemont Ave.
1424 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
1512 – lost property/child, N. Liberty St.
1635 – follow up by officer, N. Liberty St.
1652 – property damage accident, Main St.
2335 – noise complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
Saturday, Oct. 3:
1049 – traffic offense, N. Liberty/Second St.
1257 – property damage accident, S. Liberty St. / E. Huron River Dr.
1649 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2106 – disorderly, Astor Pl.
2155 – traffic offense, Main St.
2212 – noise complaint, Main St.
Also on this week’s log are 45 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 27:
0439 – suspicious person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0517 – civil matter, Timberlane Dr.
0947 – traffic complaint, Country Club Blvd.
1119 – follow-up investigation, Timberlane Dr.
1130 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1215 – fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Willis Rd.
1327 – property damage accident, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1332 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
1518 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1522 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1656 – mental health call, Timberlane Dr.
1703 – animal complaint, Mulberry Dr.
1847 – assist other agency, 27000 bl. Haggerty
2008 – suspicious vehicle, Sherwood Rd./Arkona
Monday, Sept. 28:
0252 – noise complaint, Hampshire Dr./Rustic Ln.
0423 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0632 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.
0703 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0718 – welfare check, 21000 bl. Prince Rd.
1009 – assist other agency, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1251 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1350 – suspicious circumstances, 20000 bl. Elwell
1539 – fire dept. assist, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1624 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1656 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
2147 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2240 – suspicious vehicle, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
Tuesday, Sept. 29:
0103 – disorderly person, Rustic Ln.
0840 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0848 – breaking & entering report, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0930 – larceny, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
0945 – suspicious circumstances, 44000 bl. Wear
1118 – larceny, Timberlane Dr.
1318 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1516 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Harris Rd. / Elwell Rd.
1711 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1743 – juvenile complaint, Brookview Dr.
1747 – VPHC violation, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
2022 – neighbor trouble, Knollwood Dr.
Wednesday, Sept. 20:
0745 – animal complaint, Clark Rd./Arkona Rd.
0828 – welfare check, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1007 – suspicious person, Mulberry Dr.
1249 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1320 – lost property, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1403 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1419 – lost/missing juvenile, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1431 – suspicious circumstances, Wyoming St.
1551 – assist other agency, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1707 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.
1739 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1829 – welfare check, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
2131 – suspicious circumstances, 49000 bl. Willis
2358 – suspicious circumstances, 49000 bl. Wear
Thursday, Oct. 1:
0645 – suspicious person, Mulberry Dr.
0728 – suspicious vehicle, 8300 bl. Rawsonville
0903 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1039 – malicious destruction of property, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1114 – civil matter, Mulberry Dr.
1122 – civil matter, First St.
1145 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1543 – larceny, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1603 – suspicious person, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1937 – harassment, Brookview Dr.
1959 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.

2151 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.
2304 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
Friday, Oct. 2:
0244 – mental health call, Edgewood Dr.
0910 – welfare check, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1053 – welfare check, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1217 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1243 – assist other agency, 22000 bl. Sherwood
1443 – mental health call, Carriage Ln.
1941 – lost/missing juvenile, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
2120 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.
Saturday, Oct. 3:
0227 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
0626 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0801 – civil matter, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
1034 – alarm, 22000 bl. Carriage Ln.
1114 – neighbor trouble, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
1125 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1145 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1622 – suspicious circumstances, 25000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1832 – welfare check, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1838 – noise complaint, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
2005 – assist other agency, Bemis/Elwell
2030 – 911 hang up, 5100 bl. Oakville Waltz
2052 – 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
2115 – noise complaint, 26000 bl. Clark Rd.
2326 – citizen assist, Wear Rd./Sherwood Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 58 patrol checks, 16 traf-fic stops, and four misc. details.

Young Ann Arbor man arrested in northwest MI with VBT stolen car

A 19-year-old Ann Arbor man was arrested in northwestern Michigan after a chase that went for 32 miles. He was driving a white Toyota Corolla stolen from Van Buren Township.

The Osceola County Sheriff’s office said he was driving 80 mph in a 55-mph zone on U.S. 10 in Orient Township. The driver refused to pull over, leading police on a pursuit west on US-10 through Evart and Reed City, then into Mecosta County.

In Big Rapids, police put stop spikes on the road at about 10:30 p.m., Sept. 28, and the driver was taken into custody. The driver’s name was not immediately released. He was also wanted on two outstanding warrants. Now, he faces fleeing and eluding charges in the stolen car case.

Belleville DPW workers overwhelmed with number of funerals

Belleville City employees say there were more funerals last week than they’ve ever seen as more people are moving freely about the state and country.

City Manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz said in the seven months she’s been in Belleville, they never had the number of funerals as they had last week alone.

“It’s overwhelming,” she told the city council at Monday’s Zoom meeting.

Department of Public Works Director Rick Rutherford said his crew has updated more than 120 remote water readers that are failing because of age. They are working on the meters when they aren’t doing funerals.

When asked about progress on the sidewalk project, Rutherford said the immediate work was taken care of, but he had to push concrete delivery back three times because of the funerals. Some jobs are ready to be poured.

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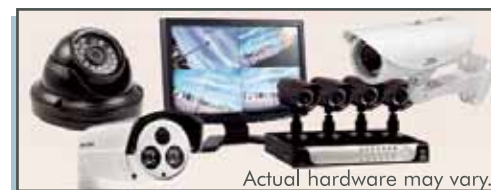
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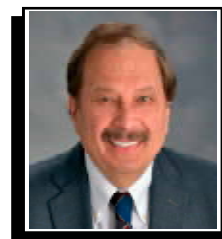
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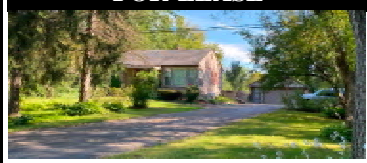
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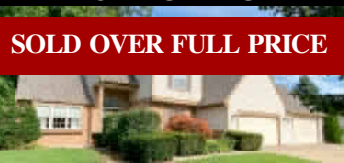
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